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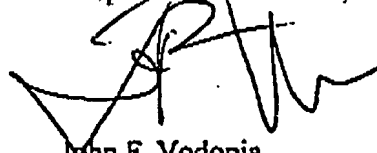
REMARKS

Applicants respond hereby to the outstanding Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, in the above-identified application. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 45-58 were indicated as allowable if amended to independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any independent claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for indication of allowable subject matter, and have opted to take the allowable claims.

To that end, claims 45, 56, 57 and 58 are amended to independent form hereby, and claims 1-44 and 59-74 cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 45-58 remain pending hereinafter, where claims 45, and 56-58 are the independent claims. Each of now-pending claims 45-58 is believed allowable.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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